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Utilisation of Funds
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of funds for the Ministry during the 11th and 12th FiveYear Plan period;

(b) the amount actually utilized by the Ministry for various schemes meant for the SCs, OBCs, Senior Citizens, Victims of Substance Abuse and Persons with Disabilities, scheme-wise;

(c) the main reasons for not utilising the entire allocations during the respective years; and

(d) whether the Government has undertaken any review of its various schemes/plans/programmes, if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a) The Plan Allocation for the Ministry for 11th Plan was Rs.16776.00 crores and the Plan Allocation for 12th Plan was Rs.32684.00 crores.
(b) The scheme-wise Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates as well as the amount utilized by the Ministry for various schemes meant for SCs, OBCs, Senior Citizens, Victims of Substance Abuse and Persons with Disabilities during the 11th Plan is given at Annexure-I. For the 12th Plan, it is given at Annexure-II year-wise.

(c) The main reasons for under-utilization of allocated funds under certain schemes are due to delay and late submission of project proposals by the State Governments/UT Administrations or due to submission of proposals with incomplete/incorrect documents as required under the Guidelines of the Scheme.
(d) For effective implementation of the schemes, these are proactively pursued through periodic review meetings from time to time. Scheme parameters have also been changed due to reviews from time to time. Some of the major outcomes achieved by the Ministry are given below:

â€¢ Post Matric Scholarship Scheme was revised w.e.f. 1.7.2010. Maintenance Allowance for Hostellers and Day Scholars increased besides parental income ceiling was also increased from Rs.1.00 lakh to 2.00 lakh p.a. Income Ceiling has further been revised from Rs.2.00 lakh to Rs.2.50 lakh w.e.f. academic session 2013-14
â€¢ A new scheme of Venture Capital Fund for promoting entrepreneurship amongst SCs was launched
â€¢ A new scheme of Credit Guarantee Fund for SCs was introduced
â€¢ New scheme of National Fellowship for OBCs was launched in 2014-15
â€¢ National Overseas Scholarship for OBC students in 2014-15
â€¢ A scheme for the development of the De-notified and Nomadic Tribes (DNTs) launched in 2014-15
â€¢ Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Education Loan for Overseas Studies for OBCs and EBCs was launched in 2014-15
â€¢ The National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Caste students was revised w.e.f. 09.12.2013 whereby annual family income ceiling has been increased from Rs.3.00 lakh to Rs.6.00 lakh.
â€¢ New Self-employment and Rehabilitation of manual Scavengers Scheme was introduced post the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act 2013.
â€¢ New Scheme called Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship was started for OBC students
â€¢ Introduction of a New Scheme "Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students w.e.f. 01.07.2012
â€¢ The Scheme of Free Coaching for SC students was revised by the Government w.e.f. 01.08.2012 and Annual Family income ceiling increase from Rs. 2.00 lakh to Rs.3.00 lakh Rate of stipend was increased from Rs.750/- to Rs.1500/- for local students, and from Rs.1500/- to Rs.3000/- for outstation students
â€¢ Number of slots under National Overseas Scholarship has been increased from the existing 60 to 100 from selection year 2014-15 and onwards.